



Tiller Tales

Gulf Stream Sailing club - May 2011

From The Helm - Commodore John Gehrig

Our May events promise to be quite entertaining highlighted by the Hospice by the Sea Regatta scheduled for May 14th. This is a transition year for this event since Hospice by the Sea stepped in the void left by the sudden postponement of the very popular Hospice Regatta. They have planned a pre-race party, a fun "pursuit" race, as well as an after race party at the Downtowner. With a good turnout this year the Hospice by the Sea Regatta will be able to continue in future years providing fun for sailors while raising money for a great cause. I encourage all GSC sailors to participate in this fun event.

May is also the month that GSC conducts its premier cruising event – the Cruise to Bimini. I just booked my slip reservations at the Bimini Sands Resort for the GSC Memorial Day Weekend Cruise (May 28th & 29th) and recommend that other GSC cruisers do the same. We are not the only club to have a Bimini cruise planned for the Memorial Day Weekend, and they are booking up fast. The number of the Bimini Sands Resort is (242) 347-3500. They also have rooms for those who are interested.

Luis also has a full schedule of Sunfish and Opti races at the lake, as well as Kids and Adult Learn to Sail. We now also offer Wednesday Night Sailing at the Lake. Those of you who have not taken advantage of the opportunity to enjoy a Wednesday night aboard a Sunfish or an Opti, or just relaxing and enjoying hot grilled food watching the sunset are missing one of the great benefits of belonging to this club.

Rounding out the May Calendar, the Tuesday night Happy Hour/ Dinners at Maracas are well attended and fun. As it turns out, this is a fantastic way to network and keep abreast of club activities (and non-club activities). We meet at Maracas for happy hour and dinner at around 6:30 every Tuesday except for the second Tuesday of the month when we meet at the Downtowner for dinner prior to the General Membership Meeting.

I hope that you share my enthusiasm for the wide variety of activities that we have scheduled, and will participate in as many of them as possible. We have a great nucleus to make every one of our events a success and I encourage you to volunteer to make them even better.

Our calendar is published on the GSC web site (<http://gulfstreamsailingclub.org>). I look forward to seeing you both on and off the water.

- John Gehrig, Commodore

New 2011 Officers

Commodore.....John Gehrig
Vice Commodore...Lee Williams
Rear Commodore...Adeel Arshed
Treasurer...Helen Swinghammer
Secretary.....Janis Walkow

New 2011 Governing Board

Larry Littell
Joanne Salvadore
Doris White

New 2011 Committee Chairs

Membership....Betty Lou Webb
Crusing Fleet...Gregg Henry
Ocean RaceLee Williams
LakeLuis Oliveira
Social ...Adeel Arshed
PROChris Woolsey

Picture Contest—Next Month

Last Chance to Enter,
great prize !!!

Your Editor—Franz Walkow

Summer Solstice Get Together

There will be a different Social get together on Tues June 21st.
Come to Fort Lauderdale beach and celebrate the Summer Solstice.
We will be picnicking at the South end of the Municipal parking lot,
on the Beach near the pedestrian overpass to the Yankee Clipper.
Bring your own basket meal and drink, and some to share if you like.
We will meet up about 6:30.
Please note we will not be at Maracas that evening.

Janis Walkow—Secretary

Luis Lake Race Report—Luis Oliveira

Sharon just cleaned our clocks last Saturday, aside for the third and some of the fifth races it wasn't even close, she just took off soon after the start and the rest of us where "left in the dust".
The light breeze was coming from the East and in those conditions the right side of the course is almost invariably favored...Well, not last Saturday, Sharon kept going to the left and getting a big lift on the port tack going to the mark...the rest of us I guess where to stubborn to see it...Great racing Sharon.
I didn't see much of what happened In "C" fleet, but Peter is inching himself towards "A" fleet with Gary and Chris improving their skill every race day...Keep coming guys, practice makes perfect.

Spring III Race Results - "A" Fleet

Sharon Crockett 1, 1, 2, 1, 1 4 pts 1 plc
Luis Oliveira 2, 2, 1, 2, 2 7 2
Sam Kafoury 3, 3, 3, 4, 4 13 3
Rob Janzer dns, 4, 4, 3, 3 14 4

"C" Fleet

Petter Villoldo 1, 1, 1, 1, 4 4 pts 1 plc
Chris Garone 2, 4, 2, 2, 2 8 2
Gary Zolton 4, 2, 4, 3, 1 10 3
Bill Martin 3, 3, 3, 4, 3 12 4

Next Race day is May 21, see you all then.
Luis Oliveira

Hillsboro to Palm Beach Race Report - Lee Williams

By the time the race started at 10:00 am; the wind was 15 to 20 kts N, NE thus racing north bound on a close reach and forcing racers on somewhat of a tacking duel trying to find the fastest northbound route. The Gulf Stream got a bit bumpy, we saw waves as high as 12 feet but it also yielded an extra 5 kts. There were clouds all around us but sunny the whole way up to the Palm Beach finish line with just a few rain drops, where as some boats behind us got drenched in torrential down pours. There was only one participant from GSC in the Hillsboro to Palm Beach Race held by the Hillsboro sailing club. Commotion has done a hat trick in what I would consider a perfect score in a single race by getting the gun on a spectacular photo finish against a tri and also winning first place in their category and correcting 3rd overall. Job well done. Three cheers for Commotion.

Regards,
Lee Williams
Vise Commodore



Membership Committee - Betty Lou Webb

We want to welcome the following new member into our club:

Don Jacobson from Hollywood
Carol Durbin from Hollywood
Bill Martin from Lauderhill ,Boat Name Anyway
Bruce Bowen from Fort Lauderdale ,Boat Name Some Day Came
Debi Hallmark from Pompano Beach, Boat Name Ryan's Place
Stan DeKiel from Pompano Beach, Boat Name Ryan's Place.

We are excited and pleased that you have joined our club.
Happy Sailing,
Betty Lou Webb

Notes From the Editor

Wow ! Tiller Tales published **three** months in a row ! Thanks to our new enthusiastic officers, we have lots of news to report. Your editor and spouse had a great day sailing on OSPREY in the new HOSPICE BY THE SEA Regatta. Article and pictures next month. Lots going on and lots planned. Your editor is leaving today to go bareboat charter..in France on a canal in the Aquitain Region just SE of Bordeaux, then a week in Paris. Some folks have expressed interest in doing this next yr. same time. Let us know. Sea you when we get back ! Pun intended.

Franz Walkow - Editor

GSC Sunshine Committee—

I represent the GSC Sunshine Committee by sending personalized cards, messages, flowers etc to any member and their family who would like to know your club is thinking of you at a time of illness, bereavement , award winning events etc. Yes, even weddings.

Please contact me with names and info at 954-491-4027 hm, 954-205 -7739 cell or smkap@bellsouth.net.

Thank you Shirley Kaplan.

Heads up— Walkow's Post Bahamas Pool Party - July 16th 4PM 'til...

It seems to have become an annual tradition for the Walkow's to

host a pool party after the Abacos cruisers/ racers return.

This year's party will be on Saturday July 16th.

Franz will cook up some of his famous RIBS, and some burger and dogs.

Janis will probably make up some potato salad.

So as in years past bring a dish or desert to share, and your beverage of choice.

This will be by the pool, so non glass containers are preferred.

Saturday July 16th 4PM 'til...

Update From the Secretary

—Janis Walkow

Due to a great number of our active members being out of town in June and early July we are postponing the Land Cruise until September. Hopefully by then we will have our Cruisers back.

More information to follow...